

**Service Committee**  
**March 17, 2008**  
**5:45 PM**  
**Minutes**

**Call to order:** Mr. Paini called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

**Roll Call:**

Present for roll call were Mr. Paini (Chair), Dr. Bender, Ms. Turner. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Ed Snyder (Streets), Steve Farst (Engineer), Bill Sims (Const. Svcs), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Dick Miller (Urban Forester), and Joe Taylor (WTP).

**Dr. Bender moved to approve the minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Service Committee Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Turner.**

**VOTE:     AYES:     Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Paini**  
**NAYS:**

**Staff Reports:**

**Bill Sims (Construction Services)** stated that the South Central Electric completed their relocation work on the Columbus Street project. Columbia Gas started theirs. The tree service has started to remove the street trees and should be finished in a couple of days.

Construction by the contractor will be tentatively started the first week in April. There is a pre-construction meeting set for March 27<sup>th</sup>.

2008 Street Program had a bid opening on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the results will be addresses later in the Engineer's report.

Dominion replaced the vortex in Canal Cove for odor control.

**Matt Peoples (Public Works)** stated that last week was the kick-off meeting for "Safe Routes to School". There was a \$12,000 grant from ODOT to establish a school travel plan for children that walk or bicycle to school. They are working with EMH&T to develop a plan. This plan will identify any barriers to a safe route to school and suggest mitigation for those issues. This addresses a 2 mile radius from the Elementary school.

Dr. Bender asked if there was a way to connect Indian Trail and Winchester Trail to the new middle school. Mr. Peoples responded that there were plans to possibly have a bridge as part of Walnut Creek Park, as well as, low impact walking paths in that area.

Lithopolis Road turn lane project has run into some logistical problems and ROW issues with the property owners, as well as, jurisdictional issues since the areas are in Lithopolis. We are going to meet with the County to make them aware of the issues regarding the implementation of the project and hopefully wait until the completion of the Transportation Thoroughfare plan. Discussion ensued regarding the relocation of Gender Road/674 as part of the Transportation Thoroughfare plan and the jurisdictions of that intersection.

Ed Snyder (Streets) stated that his crew is working at Walnut Creek Park and have installed 500 ft of fencing to keep the soccer balls from going over the hill. 120 tons of gravel have been spread for the drive into the parking lot. There has also been a pad built for a recreation storage building that will be built.

Six more downtown benches need rehabbed then they will all be finished.

Crews are working on equipment break downs lately, mostly due to the 24 hour shifts the machine were working during the blizzard.

Mr. Snyder will have the Annual Report in to Matt Peoples this week.

Rhett Young is a new employee that will serve as a floater employee between the Water, Street and Water Reclamation Departments.

Mr. Snyder referred to a chart in Service committee packets regarding the costs of the snow removal during the blizzard. If the services were contracted out, the total would have been. \$29,586.49. There were a total of 384 total man hours worked at a cost of \$15, 419.76. Equipment costs totaled \$10,293.68. The fuel costs were \$1,550.66.

Dr. Bender asked about the overtime and salaried positions and Mr. Snyder clarified that the salaried positions were given Comp time, but that there was still a monetary value to that time and that value was what was reflected in the chart.

Mrs. Turner asked about the use of brine. Mr. Snyder said that it was used prior to the storm. He stated that it costs 10 cents a gallon... the entire village can be done for \$150.00.

**Dick Miller (Urban Forester)** stated that Klamfoth Landscape is working on a price for ground cover at the railroad viaduct on the west side of the street.

Mr. Miller is also trying to officially name all the Village water sources. MORPC gave a favorable note on the name "Wild Violet Run" for the stream to the north of Meijer.

Mr. Paini said that he was asked at the Ashbrook Homeowners Association meeting about the plans for planting blooming trees at the "S" curve past the bridge. Mr. Paini inquired if there was a drawn plan for that area. Mr. Miller said the idea is to re-naturalize the area, but nothing is drawn up at this time.

Dr. Bender asked about the area of 33 / Gender. Mr. Miller discussed the plants that are planted in the area.

**Joe Taylor (Water Plant)** stated that the oxidation and chemical feed issues have been taken care of by dropping the amount of chlorine and using permanganate.

Hydrant flushing will be taking place in April.

Some of the larger meters in the village are being replaced within the meter replacement program.

Work is continuing with Verizon to see if a tower can be placed on the North Gender Tower.

**Steve Smith's (Wastewater Treatment Plant)** report was given by Mr. Peoples.

The sludge press demo was delayed due to the blizzard and it is rescheduled to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

Annual Ohio EPA inspection gave the Village of Canal Winchester good marks.

Annual I&I removal work is being plotted and rescheduled for later this year.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Farst brought the formal recognition of the Village as it relates to the lowest, best, most responsible bid for the 2008 Street program. It is recommended that the bid goes to Strawser Paving.

The storm layer for GIS system has been delivered to Matt People's office. The water layer will be worked on for the next several months.

EMH&T has been working with Mr. People's office on the annual report for the NPDS permit for storm water program, as well as the new drainage manual.

Stream-mapping is being reviewed and will be coming forward in the next several weeks/months.

They will also be working with Planning Commission and Council with regards to code changes to look at stream corridor protection.

### **Pended Items:**

#### **03-08 Naming of parkland around covered bridge**

Mr. Peoples noted that this item, as well as 04-08, were mistakenly brought to Service Committee instead of Safety Committee items. Therefore, they will be remanded to Safety Committee for their consideration.

#### **04-08 Naming of pond area on Howe Parkway**

#### **08-08 Tower Maintenance Contract**

Mr. Taylor is looking for a sponsor for this contract. Dr. Bender agreed to be the sponsor.

#### **09-08 Sewer Billing Agreement with City of Pickerington**

Mr. Peoples noted that Pickerington has taken this to their Service Committee and are ready to move forward with this. Mr. Peoples is requesting a sponsor. Mr. Paini offered to be the sponsor.

#### **10-08 Sludge Press**

### **New Items for Discussion:**

#### **14-08 Ordinance to Amend Ordinance Number 02-08 for AT&T Midwest to Relocate Utilities for Columbus St. Reconstruction –Phase I project and declaring an emergency –**

Bill Sims clarified that this is an amendment to the price that was quoted from AT&T to relocate lines, which only included part of the work that needed to be done. This will change the amount from \$15,000 to \$42, 650. The emergency is due to the Columbus Street Reconstruction time-frame.

Mr. Paini was the original sponsor of this ordinance, so he will sponsor the amended version.

#### **15-08 Ordinance to Authorize Mayor to enter into contract for Construction Inspection Services for the Columbus Street Reconstruction Project and declaring an emergency–**

Mr. Sims explained that this is to contract with Wolpert , with whom the Village has worked before on the Diley Road project and had a positive experience. The emergency is being asked for because of the time frame of the Reconstruction project. This will be on tonight's Council agenda.

Mrs. Turner will be the sponsor.

#### **16-08 Ordinance to authorize Mayor to enter into contract with lowest & best bidder of the 2008 Street CIP project and declaring an emergency–**

Mr. Peoples explained that the 2008 Street CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) will address Washington Knolls reconstruction, Oak Street reconstruction, roadwork in Winchester Trace, Ashbrook Village

and Villages of Westchester. The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$418,000 and EMH&T has suggested that the lowest apparent bidder was \$341,208 from Strawser Paving.

Dr. Bender will be the sponsor.

**Old Business:**

The Community Garden is still looking for people to sign up to take plots. More information will be released in the Village newsletter to generate interest in the community, as well as into the media. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Paini asked if there was the ability to have an Email list for people wanting to be informed of Village news. Mayor Ebert suggested that Carrie Hoover be asked about that, as she is responsible for the website.

**New Business:**

Mr. Peoples wants to have a presentation on the GIS at the next Service Committee meeting and invite the rest of Council.

Mayor Ebert added that a retreat is being planned for April 2<sup>nd</sup> and he requests that Council be present.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn this meeting of the Service Committee, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

**VOTE:**           **AYES: Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Paini**  
**NAYS:**

Time out : 6:35pm